

**HORSESHOE ONTARIO INC.  
BY-LAWS  
REVISED 2020**

**Article I - Define and Interpret the Constitution and By-Laws**

The Executive committee shall be the judicial body and shall define and interpret the Constitution and By-Laws. Technical points shall be submitted to it, for decision, and the ruling declared official, unless delegates in convention assembled, rule otherwise, by a two-thirds vote.

**Article II - Membership Cards**

A membership card is a combined Provincial and National card. To be entitled to this card and enjoy its privileges a member must pay Horseshoe Ontario Association. The Horseshoe Ontario Association will pay membership fees to Horseshoe Canada on the members behalf.

**Article III - Divisions, Eligibility, Tie Breakers for Provincial Championships**

Section 1. Horseshoe Ontario shall annually conduct competition to declare Provincial Champions in each of the following divisions: providing there are enough players to warrant a division.

Men 40 Feet  
Ladies 30 Feet  
Elders 30 Feet  
Junior Girls 30 Feet  
Junior Boys 30 Feet  
Cadet Girls 20 Feet  
Cadet Boys 20 Feet

A player is classed as a Cadet until the age of 12 and for the remainder of the year in which the 12<sup>th</sup> birthday is reached. A player is classed as a Junior until the age of 17 and for the remainder of the year in which the 17<sup>th</sup> birthday is reached. To be eligible to compete in Elders Division a player must have reached the age of 65 on or before the first day of the competition.

Section 2. To be eligible to compete in the Championship Class of their respective Division, averages will set each contestant in their proper Division set by the Tournament Director and not in violation with Horseshoe Ontario's Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3. To be eligible to play in Provincial Tournaments a player should have played in two sanctioned tournaments within one year of the Provincial Tournament. If this has not been accomplished another member of Horseshoe Ontario can observe a 100-shoe game and confirm a players' current average.

Section 4. All Provincial Tournaments will be set up by Tournament Director for players to play to specified score or by number of shoes per game.

Section 5. Any player or team who cannot complete all games in the tournament shall forfeit all games including any games played.

Section 6. These eligible players shall be placed into groups not less than four and not more than sixteen within their Division. Round Robin competition will be conducted with the player amassing the most wins being declared the Horseshoe Pitching Champion of Ontario in their Division.

Section 7. Tie Breakers.

*Ties for first place in the finals of any Division shall be broken by playing additional game(s) as outlined below.*

**\*\*Any player or team that does not want to play in the tie breaker format will be positioned below those that are willing to play. If there is more than one person or team unwilling to participate in the tie breaker, their round robin percentage will be used to position them below the players or teams that are willing to play in the tie breaker format. \*\***

- a. Two Way – One game between the two players or teams tied.
- b. Three Way – The player or team with the highest percentage in the round robin receives a bye into the final while the remaining two play a single game. The loser of this game is declared third and the winner advances to the final to decide first and second.
- c. Four Way - The player or team with the highest percentage in the round robin plays a game against the fourth highest average, while the players or teams with second and third highest averages play in another game. The two losers of these games place third and fourth based on their averages in the round robin plus the playoff game. The two winners play a single game to declare first and second in the Division.
- d. Five Way – The player or team with the fourth and fifth highest percentages play a single game. The loser is declared fifth while the winner advances to further competition to be conducted as a four-way tie.
- e. Six Way – The highest percentage player or team in round robin plays sixth highest, second plays fifth, third plays fourth. The three losers are declared fourth, fifth and sixth by average in the round robin plus the playoff game. The three winners will playoff as in a three-way tie.

Ties for any other position are broken by awarding the higher position to the player or team with the higher average in the round robin.

## **Article IV (Tournaments)**

Section 1. With the exception of Club, League, and Provincial Championship Tournaments, all tournaments should be open to any player who wishes to participate provided they meet the membership or guest requirements.

### Section 2. (Provincial Tournament Attire)

All contestants competing in the Provincial Championships, shall have, as a minimum, their last name and Province abbreviation professionally lettered on the back of their shirts. Lettered first name on front of shirt is optional. Said shirts cannot be sleeveless. No cut-offs are permitted and closed-toe shoes must be worn.

### Section 3. (Provincial Tournament Court Area)

No Alcohol, Tobacco Products, Controlled Substances or Profanity during the Provincial Championship Tournaments. The use of alcohol, any form of tobacco, including the use of e-cigarettes or other forms of smoking, or the consumption of any controlled substances while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, officials, and scorekeepers.

## **Article V (Sanctioning of Tournaments)**

Section 1. Horseshoe Ontario will sanction any tournament that is in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws. Any tournament that is sanctioned will be listed in the Horseshoe Ontario newsletter under coming events, provided notification is received in time for its inclusion. A record of the results of sanctioned tournaments will be kept in the files of Horseshoe Ontario. Players participating in a sanctioned tournament will be eligible to participate in Horseshoe Ontario's Special Awards Program.

Section 2. In order for a tournament to be eligible for sanction, the following conditions must be met:

(a) All contestants must be members of Horseshoe Canada. Contestants from outside of Canada must be card carrying member of their State Association.

(b) Classes for Men's, Ladies, Elder's, Juniors and Cadets will be created at the discretion of the tournament host.

(c) Ringer percentage records are kept for all competitors in the event.

(d) At the conclusion of the event the organizers must send to the appointed Statistician, a list of all competitors with their full names and Horseshoe Ontario membership number. A complete copy of all the results (forms will be provided for this purpose upon request) must also be sent to the appointed Statistician.

**Article VI (Special Awards Program)**

Horseshoe Ontario shall maintain a Special Awards Program that will recognize and reward special individual achievements in tournament play. The details of this program shall be spelled out in a separate document and shall be available to any member on the Horseshoe Ontario website.

See Document "National Awards Program"

**Article VII (Bidding to Host Provincial Tournaments)**

Horseshoe Ontario will provide a Bid Request form to host Provincial Tournaments.

- i.) The only Bids entertained will be those that are submitted with a bid request form and a minimum deposit of two hundred dollars on or before the day of the Annual General Meeting.
- ii.) Bids will only be accepted before the AGM agenda begins.
- iii.) No disclosures will be announced until the agenda item comes forth.
- iv.) Doubles Provincial Tournament will be voted on first followed by Singles Provincial Tournament. There will be voting by secret ballot.
- v.) A club may host Provincial Doubles and Singles providing no other club has bid for them.
- vi.) If no bids have been received before the start of the AGM, a bid from the floor will be accepted. The bid request form and deposit will be received by the treasurer within one week of the AGM.